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Cop Cleansing DRIVE

DG&IGP orders Police personnel not to develop friendship and associate with anti-social elements

Daily monitoring in city to weed out corrupt Cops: Police Commissioner Seema Latkar

Seema Latkar

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (RK&BCT)- In a strongly worded internal memo to all City Police Commissioners and Superintendents of Police (SPs) across Karnataka, Director General & Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Dr. M.A. Saleem has directed officers to immediately put an end to illegal activities involving Policemen, warning that any form of misconduct will not be tolerated under his leadership.

Vijayanagar Police Station Inspector Suresh Kumar briefing the staff.

The directive comes in the wake of recent incidents that have tarnished the image of the Police force. Nine people, including a Police Constable, were arrested in the ATM van robbery case in Bengaluru, where Rs. 7.11 crore was looted on Nov. 19, 2025.

In another case, two Policemen attached to Bellandur Police Station demanded and accepted a Rs. 5,000 bribe from a grieving father while handing over his daughter's autopsy report.

In his communication, Dr. Saleem emphasised that citizens must be treated with dignity and stressed that integrity in every interaction is essential for restoring public trust. He also reiterated that Policemen are strictly prohibited from mediating civil disputes, warning that those who violate this rule will be suspended and will face departmental inquiries.

(See DRIVE on page 6)

> "People abroad have complete faith in the Police system and this trust is equally reciprocated by the Cops. As a result, citizens readily inform Police about illegal activities, thereby helping law enforcement cleanse society. In India, however, public faith in the Police force is comparatively limited. Policemen must act promptly, with empathy and adopt a victim-centric approach. If Police personnel themselves indulge in crime, public trust erodes and regaining it becomes extremely difficult. Transparency in daily functioning and in the investigation of crimes is essential. It is for this reason that we introduced the *Mane-Mane Police*, aimed at building trust between the Police and the community."
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> —Dr. M.A. Saleem, Director General & Inspector General of Police

School trip turns tragic as student dies in bus accident

38 injured as bus topples near Honnavar; Special bus bringing children to Mysuru

Deceased Pavan

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (GA&KS)- A joyful school excursion to Murudeshwar turned tragic when the bus carrying 10th Standard students and teachers of Taralabalu High School, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, toppled near Honnavar in Uttara Kannada yesterday, killing one student and injuring 38 others, including teachers.

Among the injured, two students and a teacher are reported to have suffered serious injuries and are undergoing treatment at Manipal Hospital in Udupi.

The deceased student has been identified as Pavan, son of Hemanth Kumar and Chitra of Janata Nagar, Mysuru. The injured teacher, Vanamala, is said to have sustained two fractures in her wrist, while the girl student Kushi has reportedly suffered serious head injuries.

Meanwhile, the local MLA Mankal S. Vaidya and the Teachers' Association have arranged a bus for the safe return of the remaining students and teachers to Mysuru. The vehicle left Honnavar at 11 am today.

Family members of the deceased Pavan reached Honnavar earlier this morning. The post-mortem was conducted at a local hospital and the body was handed over to the family this afternoon after completing legal formalities.

According to Physical Education (PE) teacher Girish, who accompanied the students on the excursion, Pavan's body is expected to reach Mysuru tonight.

DETAILS

On Saturday night, 44 students and four teachers left Mysuru in a private bus hired for the trip to Murudeshwar in the Uttara Kannada district.

(See ACCIDENT on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

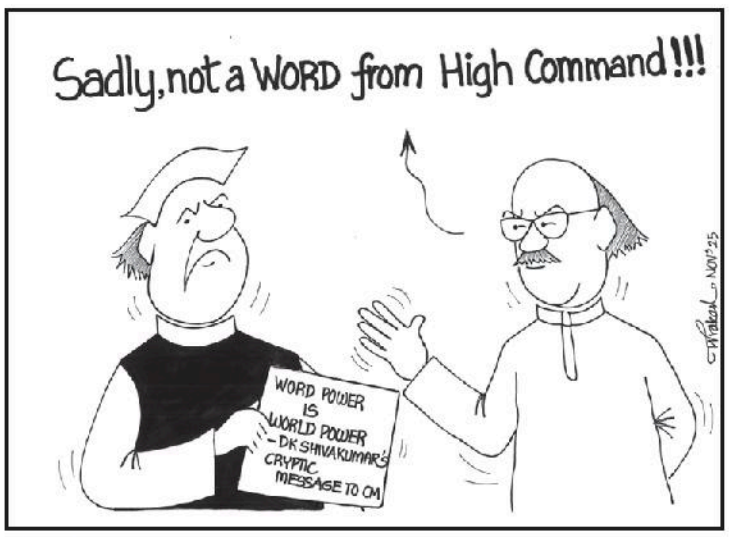
"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 1st December 2025

TEASER

By N. Prakash



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

KABIR AND BHAKTI AWAKENING: *In one of his kritis, Tyagaraja says people ask for the reason for Rama's manifestation on earth eons ago. Was it for saving Ayodhya? Was it for Dasaratha's benefit that he was born as his son? Was it for saving Sugreeva? It was for all these and more so, to give darshan to his devotees on earth, says the saint. Verily, Rama appeared to Kabir Das, around 600 years ago, said Krithika Bharadwaj in a nama sankirtan.*

As the rule of Kali gained traction on earth, worried devas make a representation to Perumal who says propagating bhakti (margam) is the only way to contain Kali. He beckons Vyasa, Valmiki and Anjaneya who manifest on earth as Jayadeva, Tulsidas and Samrat Ramadasa in order to develop bhakti. Perumal also beckons Suka and Uddhava and while the latter comes down as Namdev (Pandharpur), Suka reminds Lord of his request that he should never again take form in a woman's body. Perumal gently pats Suka, who turns into a baby, is enclosed in an oyster and washes up, entangled in the nets of a weaver in Varanasi. Assuming the pearl in it would make him rich, he opens in, only to find the baby. Thrilled, he takes the baby home to his wife as a divine gift.

The child, named Kabir, was transfixed whenever he heard the name of Rama. While accompanying his father to work, if he came across a bhajan group, he would run off and join them, returning home late. Realising that he needed to be initiated formally, he sought out guru Ramananda Swamy. His assistants shooed him away, but in his yogic mind the guru saw two brothers (Rama and Lakshmana) who mention the transgression. The guru vowed to seek the boy and offer him dikshai. — In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Superman comic sold for over $9 million

Texas: A copy of the first Superman issue, unearthed by three brothers cleaning out their late mother's attic, netted $9.12 million this month at a Texas auction house.

The brothers discovered the comic book in a cardboard box covered with newspapers, dust and cobwebs in their deceased mother's San Francisco home last year.

She had told her children she had a valuable comic book collection hidden away, but they had never seen it. The brothers uncovered the box of comics and sent a message to the auction company to inspect their copy of "Superman No. 1" and show it to other experts for appraisal.

Rodents stuff car with hazelnuts

Beijing: Wang, a motorist from Jixi City, China's Heilongjiang Province, had long been hearing strange rattling noises from under the hood of his car, but even though they had gotten worse over time, he never bothered to have them checked. It wasn't until last week that he noticed the car's heating system appeared to be malfunctioning as well, and he finally went to a garage for a checkup.

Wang took his car to a friend's garage and discovered that the entire area below the windshield and under the hood was full of hazelnuts. But that didn't explain the heating issue, at least not until the mechanic inspected the air vents and found them clogged with hazelnuts as well. Even the cabin filter was full of them.

He had stored a bag of them in his garage, and upon inspecting it, he found that more than half the hazelnuts had been moved into his car by the rodents.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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Vijaya Vittala PU students excel

Students of Vijaya Vittala PU College, Mysuru, have excelled in the recently held District-level Sports Competitions organised by the Department of School Education (PU) Mysuru District. Picture shows S. Dheeraj Patel (Boxing), Sinchana Vinay (Shuttle Badminton) and V. Keerthan, who have qualified for the State-level Competition.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **122.76 feet**	Today's level **2,276.72 feet**	Today's level **2,840.27 feet**
Last year's level **124.54 feet**	Last year's level **2,279.10 feet**	Last year's level **2,835.57 feet**
Yesterday's level **122.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,276.90 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,840.98 feet**
Today's Inflow **3,071 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **680 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **379 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,490 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,750 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Smart and sneaky: Octopuses are very intelligent and can change their colour to camouflage themselves and squeeze into tiny spaces.*
- *Male moms: Male seahorses give birth to the babies and carry them in a pouch until they are ready to swim on their own.*
- *Weird diet: Seahorses are slow swimmers and can eat up to 3,000 tiny shrimps a day to get enough food.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Tintu: *I want to say something.*
Father: *When we have dinner do not talk.*
Tintu: *After dinner...dad...*
Father: *Yes, you can now.*
Tintu: *There was a cockroach in your plate !*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 89.46
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 118.34
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.36
1 Euro	= Rs. 103.78

VOICE OF THE READER

Maharaja Junior College crying for attention

Sir,

The ongoing efforts by the alumni of Maharaja Government Junior College to restore the historic campus highlight a deeper concern: How did an institution with such an unparalleled legacy fall into this state of neglect in the first place?

This is not merely a school building. Its origins date back to 1833, when Maharaja Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar established the Raja Free School to provide education to poor children — a remarkably visionary initiative for its time.

The present-day Maharaja High School and Maharaja Pre-University College stand as direct continuations of this historic institution, carrying forward nearly 192 years of educational and cultural heritage.

Over the decades, this institution has produced some of India's finest minds: R.K. Narayan, R.K. Laxman, M.S. Sathyu, K.V. Murthy, D. Devaraj Urs, Vedanta Hemmige, Agaram Rangaiah, Chaduranga, T.S. Satyan and many others who have shaped literature, governance, art, cinema and public service. Very few institutions in Karnataka enjoy such a distinguished legacy.

It is deeply disappointing that the campus has slipped into its current state of disrepair.

What makes the situation more concerning is that the school administration failed, over many years, to draw the Government's attention to the deteriorating buildings. For an institution of this stature to be allowed to decline reflects a serious lapse in oversight.

While the recent initiative by the alumni is admirable and encouraging, heritage conservation cannot depend indefinitely on goodwill.

A legacy of this magnitude demands structured support, urgent funding, defined restoration timelines and strict accountability. Simply celebrating Mysuru's heritage means little if we cannot protect the very institutions that shaped it.

Restoring Maharaja Government Junior College is not merely about repairing a structure; it is about safeguarding the environment that nurtured generations of leaders, thinkers and artists.

When we neglect institutions that have shaped our society, we risk losing both our past and the future they are meant to inspire. What this heritage institution needs today is not promises, but prompt, decisive action from the State.

—Abhishek Raj,
A concerned alumnus
Mysuru 22.11.2025

CII's Finance Conclave on Dec. 3

Mysuru, Dec.1-The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru Zone, has organised the Annual Finance Conclave 2025 on Dec.3 (Wednesday).

The Conclave, themed "Navigating the Future of Finance: Innovation, Integrity & Intelligent Transformation," will focus on how finance leaders can steer growth, manage risk and leverage technology in a period of regulatory change and global uncertainty.

More than 100 delegates, including CFOs, finance and tax heads, MSME promoters, consultants, bankers, HR leaders and technology professionals from Mysuru and neighbouring regions, are expected to participate in the day-long programme.

In a joint statement, Nagaraja Gargeshwari, Chairman, CII Mysuru Zone and S. Ranganathan, Convenor, CII Mysuru Finance & Taxation Panel, said that the Conclave aims to help businesses move from a purely compliance-driven approach to strategic financial leadership.

The programme will begin with an inaugural session addressed by senior industry leaders, led by Rabindra Srikantan, Chairman, CII Karnataka State Council along with Sam Cherian, Convenor, CII Karnataka MSME Panel, Nagaraja Gargeshwari, S. Ranganathan and Santhosh S. Nair, Co-Convenor, CII Mysuru Finance & Taxation Panel.

This will be followed by a policy keynote on "GST 2.0 - Boosting Growth & Reducing Costs" by K.R. Sekar, Partner, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP.

The inaugural address will be by the chief guest, PVN Suresh Babu, IRS, Principal Commissioner, Goods & Services Tax (GST) & Customs Commissionerate, Mysuru.

The Conclave will feature focused sessions on global economic trends and export opportunities, GST 2.0 and its implications for India's economy, AI technologies in business and finance, and customs, foreign trade policy and investigations, along with a dedicated session on cyber threats, data protection and building secure financial ecosystems.

A special highlight will be the discussion on the impact of the four new labour codes on wages, social security, industrial relations and workplace practices, followed by a concluding session on "Investment of Time for Health RoI", bringing a cardio-wellness perspective for finance and corporate professionals.

The Conclave is being curated by the CII Mysuru Finance & Taxation Panel, in collaboration with other CII panels, with the objective of providing implementable takeaways for enterprises, especially MSMEs, on navigating the evolving financial and regulatory landscape. For registration and further details, contact M.K. Kiran on Mob: 98447-85965.

Natl. workshop on Statistical Data Analysis using SPSS held at Teresian College

*Dr. P. Paramashivaiah (6th from right), **Senior Professor and Dean, Tumkur University, seen with Dr. T.A. Binoy, Professor, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod; Dr. Sr. Rohini, Principal, Teresian College; Vivek Charles, IQAC Co-ordinator, Teresian College; Dr. Veena M. D'Almeida, Director of Research, Teresian College; Dr. P.M. Shiva Prasad, Assistant Professor and Guide, Teresian College and others during the inauguration of the National Workshop at Teresian College in Siddarthanagar recently.***

Mysuru, Dec. 1 - Teresian College Research Centre (Commerce), in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), had organised a two-day National Workshop on "Statistical Data Analysis Using SPSS" recently.

Dr. P. Paramashivaiah, Senior Professor and Dean, Tumkur University, delivered the inaugural address and highlighted the growing importance of research in today's academic environment.

Referring to the saying "today's newspaper becomes tomorrow's waste paper," he stressed the need to stay updated and rely on factual, evidence-based information.

He illustrated how experience and research strengthen decision-making, citing examples like Aadhaar and HRMS. He also encouraged participants to use credible data sources and make newspaper reading a regular habit to stay informed.

In his keynote address, Dr. T.A. Binoy, Professor at Central University of Kerala, explained that research empowers individuals to adapt to change, validate existing theories and develop new insights. He emphasised the need for students and researchers to be observant, as meaningful research begins with identifying the right problem.

Dr. Binoy discussed how research helps in recognising societal issues, collecting data, processing it using SPSS and deriving meaningful inferences. He further highlighted the importance of selecting appropriate statistical tools for accurate data analysis and theory development.

Dr. Sr. Rohini, Principal, Teresian College, in her presidential address, reaffirmed the institution's commitment to promoting a strong research culture and enhancing analytical competencies among faculty and students.

Dr. Veena M. D'Almeida, Director of Research; Vivek Charles, IQAC Coordinator and Dr. P. M. Shiva Prasad, Assistant Professor, were present.

Rajyotsava at Maharaja High School

Alumni give donation for development of neglected Maharaja High School and PU College

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (BCT)- Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated on Nov. 28 by the Maharaja High School and PU College Alumni Association in collaboration with the staff and students.

The event was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by DDPI D. Udaykumar, Association President B.S. Sridhar Raj Urs, Vice-Principal Dr. Mahesh, Dr. N. Chandrashekar of Aadithya Adhikari Hospital, alumnus Vasudeva Rao, SDMC President Siddappa and faculty members. Rajyotsava Awardee and alumnus M. Yogendra also joined.

Guests and prize-winning students participated in the programme, which featured the felicitation of alumni. Students were encouraged to study diligently and bring glory to the institution and themselves, while recalling the school's rich legacy.

Generous contributions were made towards the School's development: President Sridhar Raj Urs donated Rs. 25,000, Dr. Chandrashekar - Rs. 1,00,000, Yogendra - Rs. 15,000, Dr. Mahesh - Rs. 10,000, Vasudeva Rao - Rs. 10,000, Treasurer Rangaswamy - Rs. 10,000 and Vice-President S.V. Gowdappa also promised a generous donation.

In addition, Sridhar Raj Urs donated 40 copies of 'Badhukalu Kaliyiri' book by Swami Jagadatmanandaji to the school library.

NEWS BRIEFS

Scholarships

The Department of Backward Classes has invited online applications from eligible post-matric students, belonging to Backward Classes, Category-1 Nomadic/ Semi-Nomadic community, for the Post-Matric Scholarships 2025-26, Fee Reimbursement and 'Vidyasiri' food & accommodation scheme. Last date to apply is Dec. 20. Students must submit their application through website: ***https://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in*** For more details, visit: ***https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in*** or call Helplines: 80507-70005 or 1902 or e-mail to: *postmatrichelp@karnataka.gov.in*

Elected

K.V. Sridhar

C.G. Gangadhar

Former MCC Corporator K.V. Sridhar and city hotelier C.G. Gangadhar have been elected unopposed as office-bearers of Bengaluru-based Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha. Gangadhar has been elected as General Secretary while Sridhar as Treasurer of the Sangha. Both were elected unopposed in the elections held at the Sangha headquarters in Bengaluru. L. Srinivas of Bengaluru was elected as the President, while Dr. K.V. Renukaprasad of Sullia and M. Puttaswamy of Channapatna as Vice-Presidents and Dr. D.K. Ramesh as Assistant Secretary.

Appointed

S. Ranganath

The city-based Hoysala Karnataka Sangha Director S. Ranganath has been appointed as the Joint Secretary of Bengaluru-based Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha. The appointment has been made by the Mahasabha State President S. Raghunath. Ranganath, a social worker and active Director of Hoysala Karnataka Sangha, was awarded the Mysuru District Kannada Rajyotsava award in 2024.

Ph.D awardee

T. Rashmi has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Sentence Based Approach for Sentiment Analysis in Kannada' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.N. Veena.

Regional dialects like Arebhashe enrich Kannada language: CM

Arebhashe Academy Honorary Awardees — Arebhashe littérateurs K.R. Gangadhara, Dr. U.P. Shivananda and D.S. Anand — are seen with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Minister Byrathi Suresh, MLAs A.S. Ponnanna and Dr. Mantar Gowda and Arebhashe Gowda community leaders at the event held in Bengaluru yesterday.

Bengaluru, Dec. 1 (BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah yesterday emphasised that while Kannada forms the foundation of Karnataka's identity, regional dialects such as Arebhashe have enriched the language and culture of the State.

He was speaking at the Arebhashe Academy Honorary Awards 2024 ceremony, organised by the Department of Kannada and Culture and the Karnataka Arebhashe Culture and Literature Academy, Madikeri, held at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru yesterday.

Highlighting the distinct heritage of the Arebhashe-speaking Gowda community, Siddaramaiah noted that they are concentrated in Dakshina Kannada and Kodagu districts, with a population of over three lakh.

Tracing their history, he recalled how the community migrated from Sakleshpur to Sullia during drought years in the late 19th century, blending Kannada with Tulu and Konkani to form the Arebhashe dialect.

The CM observed that Karnataka is home to nearly 230 minor dialects/ languages, all rooted in Kannada, and urged the Academy to continue its efforts to preserve and promote Arebhashe. He fondly remembered his acquaintance with Kurunji Venkataramanagowda, a prominent Arebhashe community leader.

On developmental support, Siddaramaiah assured that the Government would meet the current demand for Rs. 50 lakh, in addition to the Rs. 1 crore already provided earlier to the Nadagowda community, Bhagamandala.

He also promised to examine other pending requests. Furthermore, he announced that a proposal to allocate land for Arebhashe Gowdas in Madikeri would be placed before the next Cabinet meeting.

During the event, the CM felicitated K.R. Gangadhara, Dr. U.P. Shivananda and D.S. Anand with the Arebhashe Academy Honorary Award.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Minister Byrathi Suresh, MLA & CM's Legal Advisor A.S. Ponnanna, MLA Dr. Mantar Gowda, Kannada Development Authority Chairman Purushottam Bilimale, Academy President Sadananda Mavaji and Kannada & Culture Department Director K.M. Gayathri were present.

Sculpting has given me a sense of utmost fulfilment: Arun Yogiraj

Renowned city-based sculptor Arun Yogiraj, who was felicitated at a function held at Anathalaya on N.S. Road in Mysuru recently, is seen with Anathalaya President C.V. Gopinath, Vice-President N.V. Dinesh and others.

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (VVH&TRR)- City-based sculptor Arun Yogiraj, who shot into fame with the sculpting of Balak Ram idol for Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, has said that sculpting of Balak Ram idol has given him a sense of utmost fulfilment and expressed his happiness that sculpting has enabled him to do something memorable for the nation.

He was speaking at the Thathaiah Memorial Lecture Series-2025 titled 'My experience as the sculptor of Balak Ram idol at Ayodhya Ram Mandir' organised by Anathalaya at its Annapoorna Nilaya on Narayana Shastri Road in city recently.

Sharing his experiences during the sculpting of Balak Ram idol, Arun Yogiraj said, he got the opportunity of sculpting Ram Lalla idol following the appreciation for his earlier sculpting of Sri Shankaracharya and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

"I faced the challenge of sculpting Balak Ram idol which has expression, beauty and decoration as per the Shastras. I completely withdrew myself from the worldly affairs with the intention of focusing on my work. Sculpting is a hard work which demands patience, total concentration and dedication. We need to spend a lot of time with stone," said Arun Yogiraj and recalled the cooperation of his family members during this period.

"In life, success should not be a one time affair. Success should flow like a river and we should aim for success in whatever we do. Success is all about optimum utilisation of our opportunity and time. There is no short route to success. Perseverance is the only way. Hence, students must achieve their goal through perseverance and dedication," he added.

Continuing, he said that he hailed from a family of sculptors and was naturally drawn towards sculpting along with studies. "After completing my MBA, I discarded all employment opportunities and dedicated myself to sculpting with love and ambition to achieve something. As a reward, I had the opportunity to interact with the Prime Minister of our country. It was a big challenge to sculpt the idol of Sri Ram with a child's face as none of us have seen the face of Sri Ram when he was a child.. It was really a big challenge to visualise and sculpt Balak Ram idol and was not sure how people will react to my work. I was blank when I started the work but later interacted with children and studied them which helped me to sculpt the face and body of Ram Lalla," concluded Arun Yogiraj.

Anathalaya President C.V. Gopinath, Vice-President N.V. Dinesh, Secretary H. Ashwathnarayana, Coordinator Dr. Murali and others were present.

United citizen voice can solve national issues: Political commentator

Senior journalist and political commentator Pushpendra Kulshreshta speaking at the Swadeshi Diwas celebration in city last evening.

Mysuru, Dec.1 (PM&DM)-Senior journalist and political commentator Pushpendra Kulshreshta said that solutions to any contemporary problem can be found when people raise a strong collective voice and stand united.

He was delivering a talk on the topic "The current issues haunting the country and solutions", organised as part of the Swadeshi Diwas celebration by the Mysuru District Unit of Azadi Bachao Andolan, in commemoration of the movement's founder Rajiv Dikshit, at Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Auditorium in Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, yesterday.

"Any Government or system has to bow before the people when there is unity and a unified voice in any righteous struggle. The power of the Government pales before the strength of a united society. If people remain alert, solutions can be found for any challenge that arises," Kulshreshta said.

Emphasising the importance of credible documents and accurate statistics while raising any issue, he regretted that plain talk without conviction has become the norm today.

"Anything spoken by anyone must be fact-checked. It is pointless to invite politicians for programmes related to *Sanatan Dharma*. Politicians speak with a specific agenda and their speeches do not focus on the interests of our religion or national interests. Therefore, inviting them to such events becomes futile," he asserted.

Pointing out that it took more than 70 years for the full version of *Vande Mataram* to be sung in Parliament, he stressed that the present generation must be taught about the deeds and sacrifices of great freedom fighters such as Subhas Chandra Bose and Veer Savarkar. Earlier, senior activist of the Andolan Prasanna Kumar delivered the keynote address. Andolan's Mysuru Convenor Sudhindra, Janajagarana Trust President R. Vasudev Bhat, Aditya Adhikari Hospital's Dr. N. Chandrashekar and others were present.

Rs. 21 cr. for Belagavi Winter Session

Belagavi, Dec. 1- The 10-day Winter Session of State Legislature will be held at Survarna Soudha, here from Dec. 8 to 19. The State Government will be spending Rs. 21 crore for 14th Winter Session while the total expenditure for last year's session was Rs. 15.30 crore, according to the district administration sources.

While 10 percent increase in the expenditure is expected every year, the recent bomb blast in New Delhi has forced the authorities to increase the security measures with more than 6,000 Police personnel to be deployed as part of security measures compared to 4,000 personnel deployed last year.

This year, the authorities will serve varieties of food with cuisines from various parts of the State to be served each day.

The members will get to savour jowhar roti, sajji kadak roti, akki rotti, chapathi, varieties of chutneys, rice, curd rice, masala rice along with sweets such as kunda, karadantu, Mysuru Shree (Mysuru Pak), dal halwa, gajjari halwa, motichoor undi, jamoon, godihuggi, ras malai and much more.

Till date, State Government has spent a total of Rs. 169.6 crore from the previous 13 Winter Sessions.

Meanwhile, the district administration has booked a total of 4,100 rooms in Belagavi to facilitate the legislators and officials attending the session.

Retired KSRP SP B.D. Mandappa passes away at 78

Virajpet (Kodagu), Dec. 1-

Buttiyanda D. Mandappa (Prabhu), retired Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) Superintendent of Police (SP), Mysuru District and a resident of Nangala village, Bittangala Post in Virajpet taluk of Kodagu district, passed away yesterday. He was 78.

He leaves behind his wife Vimala (Poodrimada), daughter Allumada Swagi Naveen and a host of relatives and friends.

Mandappa was a prominent officer in the Special Task Force (STF), which was formed to eliminate forest brigand Veerappan. He had sustained injuries in the shootout which took place on Aug. 14, 1992, in which SP Harkrishna and Sub-Inspector Shakeel Ahmed were martyred.

Mandappa was a recipient of the President and Chief Minister's Medal for his meritorious service. Last rites were held at Nangala village this afternoon, according to family sources.

101-year-old Mythreyi no more

Mysuru, Dec. 1- A. Mythreyi (101), daughter of late Dr. Nagabhushan and a resident of Lakshmipuram, passed away on Nov. 29 in city.

Mythreyi

She leaves behind son Praveen Chandar and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

Prepare District Planning Report by Dec. 15

Planning Commission Dy. Chairman B.R. Patil

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (BS)- B.R. Patil, Deputy Chairman of Karnataka State Planning Commission, has instructed all the districts in the ambit of Mysuru division, to submit the district planning report, prior to drafting of the State Budget, before Dec. 15.

He was presiding over the progress review meeting of the districts under Mysuru division, held at Zilla Panchayat meeting hall in the city on Thursday.

"As we ideologically believe in decentralisation system, the district level meeting of the committees prior to the drafting of the plan should be held on time. The emphasis should be on, sustainable development, Gross Development Product (GDP) and Human Development Index (HDI).

The planning report should be prepared on the basis of available grants to improve HDI and the scope for development, after executing the plan, suggested Patil.

ZP Chief Executive Officer (CEO) S. Ukesh Kumar said, the Taluk Level Planning Committee meetings have been conducted at every taluk under the chairmanship of respective MLAs, from Nov.4 to 15. A report will be submitted after the district level meeting.

Mandya ZP CEO K.R. Nandini apprised that, the planning report is being prepared with a focus on education, agriculture, nutritious food among other key components.

S. Basavaraj, Senior Director (Coordination), Human Development Division, explained about methods to achieve human development, sustainable development, progress report of districts, the areas in which they are lagging behind and methods to achieve progress, incorporation of plans to steer the growth.

Secretary to the Government Ramandeep Chowdhary, ZP CEOs of Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, Chamarajanagar and Dakshina Kannada, Taluk and District-level officers were present.

Traffic fines

Avail 50% rebate till Dec. 12

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (RK&KS)- The State Government has announced 50 percent rebate on all pending traffic fines till Dec. 12.

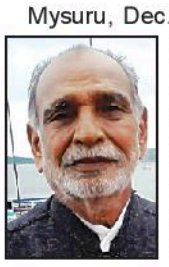
Following the Government order, Mysuru Traffic Police have begun implementing the order and have urged motorists with pending traffic fines to pay 50% of the actual fine amount at any of the Traffic Police Stations in city and clear pending cases.

For free legal help, call National Helpline on 15100, according to a press release from Senior Civil Judge and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member-Secretary K.K. Amarnath.

Obituary

U.M. Shanthappa

Mysuru, Dec. 1 - U.M. Shanthappa (93), a senior freedom fighter and a resident of Aishwarya Nagar near Kuvempunagar 'N' Block, passed away yesterday in city. He had served as Janata Party Krishnaraja Block President.



He leaves behind son U.S. Mahesh, proprietor of Roopa Prakashana, three daughters, daughter-in-law, sons-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon.

Mysuru sees 22 tigers captured over 42 days

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru district has witnessed increasing tiger disturbances across several taluks, prompting the Forest Department to intensify operations.

Between Oct. 12 and Nov. 30, officials successfully captured a total of 22 tigers, including 12 cubs, as part of measures to reduce human-wildlife conflict.

Every year, from September to December, tigresses give birth and seek shelter along forest fringes, often near villages, tanks and fields.

During this period, they become highly protective of their cubs, frequently attacking livestock and occasionally humans, leading to a sharp rise in tiger-human conflict cases.

This year, in the Mysuru region alone, tigers attacked four people, claiming three lives, leaving residents of forest-edge villages in fear.

Following widespread public demand for action, the Forest Department deployed additional staff and launched intensive combing operations. Within just 42 days, 22 tigers were captured across different ranges.

Key captures across Mysuru district

On Oct. 12, a 12-year-old tigress was caught near Alalahalli village in the Hediyala range, followed by a 1.5-year-old tigress near Badagalapura village in the Nugu range on Oct. 18.

Two male cubs, aged 40 to 45 days, were rescued on Oct. 27, while a six-year-old tigress was captured near Eregowdanahundi in the Hediyala Range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve on Oct. 28.

A 1.5-year-old male tiger was caught near Hosaveedu village in the Hediyala range on Nov. 5, and an injured 11 to 12-year-old male tiger was captured near Kurnegala-Kandalike village in the Moleyur range on Nov. 9.

On Nov. 10, a four-year-old tigress was captured near Kallahalli village in the Gundlupet range along with three cubs aged three to four months.

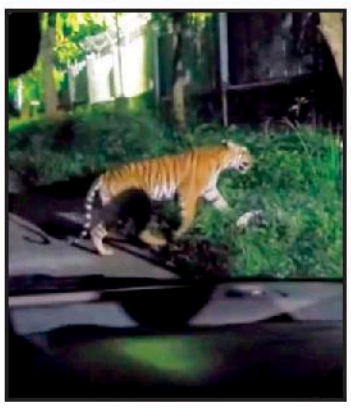
An eight-month-old male cub was trapped near Erappana Koppalu in Hunsur taluk on Nov. 12, while an eight-year-old tigress was captured near Bennegere in Mullur on Nov. 18 along with three cubs, one male and two female, aged 45 days.

Finally, on Nov. 25, a six-year-old male tiger was captured near Devalapura-Puradashedlu in Saragur taluk. The majority of operations were concentrated around villages bordering Bandipur Tiger Reserve, where disturbances were most severe.

Officials stated that the captured tigers and cubs are being rehabilitated as per guidelines, ensuring both conservation and safety. The Department emphasised that such proactive measures are crucial to balance wildlife protection with the safety of rural communities living along forest fringes.

Tiger sighting at BEML

10 camera traps set up to trace movements



Mysuru, Dec. 1 (MTY&BCT)- The Forest Department has intensified operations to trace a tiger spotted inside the BEML factory premises on the outskirts of Mysuru.

Acting on information provided by the BEML management on Saturday morning, along with a supporting video clip, Forest officials rushed to the location and conducted detailed inspections. CCTV footage from the campus confirmed the tiger's presence, with two cameras capturing clear visuals of the animal moving around.

To track its movements, the Department has installed ten camera traps across the vast BEML campus extending over 500 acres and sprinkled water on mud roads to record pug marks.

Two cages installed for safe capture of big cat

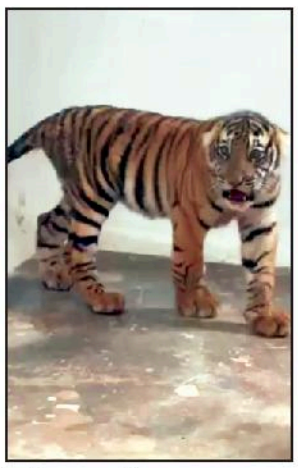
Additionally, two cages — one a large model brought from Tumakuru and the other a standard trap — have been placed to ensure the safe capture of the tiger.

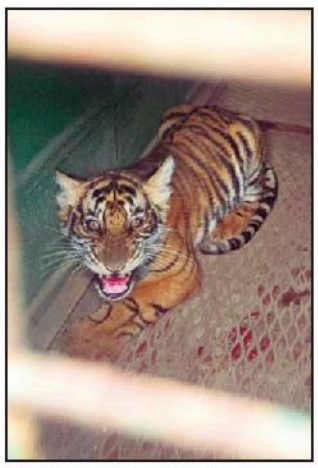
On Sunday morning, a combing operation was launched under the leadership of Mysuru DCF K. Paramesh, with teams from the Elephant Task Force, Leopard Task Force and around 30 staff participating. However, no fresh signs of the animal were found, prompting the installation of additional camera traps across the campus.

Forest officials suspect that the tiger, sighted both in mobile footage captured by security staff and in CCTV visuals, may have leapt over the compound wall during the night and moved towards the forested areas near Yelwal, Aloka or Arabithittu.

Meanwhile, BEML employees and nearby residents have been advised to remain alert and exercise caution until the situation is completely brought under control.

Four tiger cubs rescued from maize field in Hunsur





Mysuru, Dec. 1 (MTY&BCT)- Four tiger cubs hidden deep inside a maize field were successfully traced and rescued by the Forest Department after two days of relentless search operations.

The incident was reported at Gowdanakatte village in Hanagodu hobli, Hunsur taluk, where the cubs — estimated to be three to four months old — were found crying with hunger inside the field belonging to farmer Ravikumar.

Their rescue brought much-needed relief to the villagers of Gowdanakatte and neighbouring areas, who had been living in fear since the sighting.

On Nov. 27, the tigress sheltering the cubs in the field had attempted to attack two farmers and even charged at Forest staff involved in the combing operation. Drone surveillance later confirmed the presence of the tigress along with her litter.

That very night, the Forest Department swung into action and by the morning of Nov. 28, the tigress was safely captured. However, the cubs remained untraceable despite continuous combing by more than 60 personnel over two days, causing mounting concern among officials.

Given their young age, the cubs lacked the strength to hunt or move far. On the morning of Nov. 30, weakened and hungry, they began crying for their mother from inside Ravikumar's maize field.

Locals alerted the Forest staff, who immediately rushed to the spot. At around 10.45 am, one cub was located and rescued, followed soon by the remaining three, each found hiding at different spots within the same field.

All four cubs were examined by veterinarian Dr. Adarsh, who certified them to be in good health. They were subsequently shifted to the Mysuru Zoo's Chamundi Wildlife Rescue, Conservation and Rehabilitation Centre at Koorgalli.

The large-scale rescue operation involved over 80 personnel, led by DCF Mohammad Fayazuddin, Mysuru DCF K. Paramesh, Hunsur RFO Nandakumar, Veeranahosahalli RFO Vinod Gowda and teams from the Elephant Task Force, Leopard Task Force and Special Tiger Protection Force.

Cop cleansing drive

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Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar confirmed that all day-to-day activities of Policemen are under close scrutiny.

"The DG&IGP has instructed City and District Police heads to weed out criminal elements within the force. We are circulating the internal communication to all Police Stations through DCPs, ACPs and Inspectors, ensuring the message reaches the constabulary and lower ranks," she said. "Incidents where Policemen have been involved in crimes have severely damaged the reputation of the Department. Such behaviour cannot be tolerated. We are monitoring the activities of Policemen at the Police Station level through daily briefing sessions, which help identify and filter out the black sheep," she added.

Senior officers such as Sub-Division ACPs are briefing Inspectors, who in turn are briefing Sub-Inspectors, Head Constables, Station House Officers and Constables during their daily roll-call meetings. The message is clear: Policemen must not engage in any criminal activity, as corruption deeply erodes public trust in law enforcement institutions.

AIDS-free Karnataka by 2030: Health Minister in Mysuru

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dinesh Gundu Rao seen releasing AIDS awareness poster in city this morning along with Karnataka AIDS Prevention Society Project Director Padma Channabasappa, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy and others. Picture right shows students taking out a bike rally to mark World AIDS Day-2025.

Mysuru, Dec.1(BLU&DM)- Health Minister Dinesh Gundurao said that the Government is making efforts to make Karnataka AIDS and HIV Positive free by 2030.

He was speaking after inaugurating World AIDS Day-2025 organised jointly by the Health and Family Welfare Department and Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society at MMC&RI Platinum Jubilee Hall in J.K. Grounds here this morning.

"AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) was first detected in 1981 and grew into a deadly disease in 5 years. According to available statistics, as many as 1,16,200 people have died of the deadly disease in the State in the period between 2001 and 2025. There was no proper medicine then for curing the deadly disease in the beginning, which posed a big challenge for the medical fraternity. However, thanks to the consistent efforts of our Scientists and Doctors, those affected should not get worried as the right treatment is available now," he said.

"Apart from preventing AIDS, it is equally important to check the spread of the disease among the population. At the same time, AIDS patients must get mental support as it is vital for the psychology of patients," Dinesh Gundurao said.

Continuing, the Minister observed that homosexuality is the main carrier of the disease. Expressing concern that hostels and such other student shelters are becoming the main source of homosexuality, Dinesh Gundurao said that it is important to erase the social stigma that AIDS and HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) patients face in the society.

The Minister released an AIDS awareness poster on the occasion. This year, the Day is observed with the theme 'Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response.'

MLA K. Harishgowda, Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. Manasa, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Deputy Director & Incharge Div. Joint Director of Health and Family Welfare Department Dr. B. Mallika, District AIDS Prevention and Control Society Programme Officer Dr. Mohammad Shiraz Ahmed and others were present.

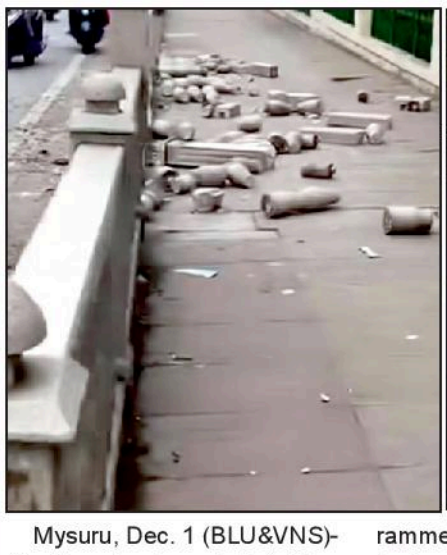
Bike rally and march

Earlier, a bike rally and students march to mark the observation of World AIDS Day was taken out from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate to J.K. Grounds, passing through K.R. Circle, D. Devaraj Urs Road and Dewan's Road.

The rally was flagged off by Karnataka AIDS Prevention Society Project Director Padma Channabasappa.

More than 400 ASHA workers, nursing students from different hospitals and members of NGOs took part in awareness march.

KSRTC bus damages stone balustrades on Raja Marga



Mysuru, Dec. 1 (BLU&VNS)- The famed and ornate Raja Marga (Dasara procession route) from Mysore Palace premises was defaced today after a KSRTC bus (KA 09 F 4972) of the KSRTC Urban Division, heading towards the City Bus Stand, rammed into the stone balustrades on Albert Victor Road.

The incident took place when the driver, while taking a left turn from Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle) towards Chamaraja Circle, reportedly lost control of the vehicle and struck the balustrades.

The impact damaged at least eight stone pillars and railings along the heritage stretch. MCC workers arrived promptly and cleared the debris. KSRTC officials are yet to determine the exact cause of the accident.

School trip turns tragic as student dies in bus accident

The group of students during their Murudeshwar trip.

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In the early hours of Sunday, as the bus was travelling near Sulemarki Cross, close to Gerusoppe near Honnavar, the driver reportedly lost control of the vehicle, causing it to topple.

Pavan died on the spot, while several students and teachers sustained injuries. The bus driver, identified as Sanjay, is said to have fled immediately after the accident.

Honnavar Police rushed to the spot, arranged ambulances and other vehicles, and shifted the injured to hospitals in Honnavar and Kumta. Three of the seriously injured were shifted to Manipal Hospital in Udupi. Honnavar Police have registered a case and are investigating.

IMPERIUM talent show at Sapient

Podar International School and Marimallappa's PU College share Overall Championship Trophy

Mysuru, Dec. 1- Sapient College in city recently hosted a grand inter-school and inter-collegiate talent fest IMPERIUM 2025 that drew 350 participants from institutions in and around Mysuru.

Various competitions — literary, marketing, cultural, gaming and IT — kept the campus lively.

Students of Sapient College captivated the audience with spectacular cultural performances that reflected the spirit and energy of the fest. Winners of various events were felicitated for their outstanding achievements. Following are the winners:

Solo singing: S. Likitha (Marimallappa's PU College - winner); Charanya S. Kumar (MMK & SDM College - runner)

Group singing: Rajath and team (Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU College - winner).

Solo dance: Goutham (Marimallappa's PU College - winner); Unnathi (Pushkarini - runner) and Diya (Podar International School - runner).

Group dance: Harsha and Group (Marimallappa's PU College - winner); Goutham & Deekshith (Marimallappa's PU - runners) and Adhya and Nikitha (Pushkarini Vidyashram - runners).

Ramp walk: Harsha and Group (Marimallappa's PU - winner) and Himani Singh and Group (MMK & SDM College - runner).

Monologue: Mythili Gowda (Podar International School - winner) and Sanvi Rao (Sadvidya Semi-Residential - runner).

Debate: Sanvi Rao & Aninditha Anand (Sadvidya PU College - winners) and V. Rishivardhan & P. Prajwal (Marimallappa's PU College - runners).

Quiz: Pavithra & Niriksha (Podar International School - winners) and Dishan Kumar & Ahil Arshad Anwar (Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan - runners).

Videography: N. Lokanath & Disha G. Pujar (Pushkarini College - winners) and B. Yashwanth & S. Preetham (Vidyavardhaka PU College - runners).

Photography: Sanvi Dogra (Podar International School - winner) and Daanvi (Podar International School - runner).

IT (Grade IX - X): Dimple & Prathiksha (Shikshkarni Central School - winners) and Gagan Kumar (Shikshkarni Central - runner).

IT (Grade XI-XII): R. Thanishka & Shwetha V. Patel (Learners' PU College - winners) and Preetham Ghorpade & Muzammil Ahmed (Sadvidya Semi-Residential College - runners).

Gaming: P. Madhusudhan & Team (Marimallappa's PU College - winner) and M.D. Daivik & Team (Pragathi School - runner) .

Treasure Hunt: Durga Prasad & Team (Marimallappa's PU College - winner).

Cooking without fire: Allen Alex Madhu & M.V. Deeksha (Shikshkarni Central School - winners) and Afra & Janani (Pushkarini School - runners).

Shark Tank: Adithya &Akshay (Podar International School - winners) and Yashaswi &Aishwarya (Pushkarini College - runners).

Marketing: Rishi Raj Shaw & Mahir Hajameen (Podar International School - winners) and K.R. Siri & D.K. Mannath (Sadhana PU College - runners).

The Overall Championship Trophy was shared by Podar International School and Marimallappa's PU College.

Sapient College Chairman Daljeet Ram presented the trophy and cash prize to the champions and appreciated the organising committee for making IMPERIUM 2025 a resounding success.

Inter-High School Kannada Debate, Folk Song contests held at St. Joseph's Central School

BVB School emerges Overall Champions

Winners of both debate and folk song singing competitions seen with the guests.

Mysuru, Dec. 1- As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Mysore Diocesan Educational Society (MDES), St. Joseph's Central School, Vijayanagar, hosted Inter-High School Kannada Debate and Folk Song singing competition in city recently.

Themed "Green Campus, Clean Campus," the event aimed at promoting environmental awareness while celebrating the richness of Kannada language and folk traditions.

Nadashri R. Bhatt from VVS B M SHRI Educational Institution stood first in debate while Mallikarjuna R. Nayaka from Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) School stood first in folk song singing competition.

With over 70 participants representing 18 prestigious schools from across Mysuru, the day-long event brought together young minds passionate about language, culture and sustainability.

The event was inaugurated by R. Manjunath, Assistant Professor, JSS Institute of Education, Kowdalli, Sakleshpur. In his keynote address, he emphasised the significance of such competitions in nurturing critical thinking, competitive spirit and cultural sensitivity among students.

"Debates shape analytical minds and folk literature builds valuable life lessons through creativity and community," he said, urging students to participate actively in such forums for holistic growth.

Elizabeth S. Thomas, Administrative Principal of the host school, delivered the introductory address. Sebi Maveli, CEO of MDES, was the guest of honour.

Results

Debate competition: First prize - Nadashri R. Bhatt, VVS B M SHRI Educational Institution; second - Purvika Anand, Kautilya Vidyalaya; third - M. Acchoda, Christ Public School.

Folk song competition: First prize - Mallikarjuna R. Nayaka, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan School; second - P. Krithika, Anantha Geetha Vidyalaya; third - D. Nitish, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan School.

Overall Championship: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan School emerged as the Overall Champions, excelling in both competitions and securing the highest tally of prizes.

RERA awareness seminar on Dec. 6

Mysuru, Dec. 1- (KS)- The Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI), Mysuru Chapter, has organised an awareness seminar on 'Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act - RERA' on Dec. 6 at 4.30 pm at MBCT Hall on Akkamahadevi Road, J.P. Nagar in city.

Senior officials from Karnataka RERA Authority, Bengaluru will be addressing issues related to RERA registration process for ongoing and new projects; Project extension and compliance procedures; Consumer grievance redressal mechanism and Common challenges faced by developers and solutions.

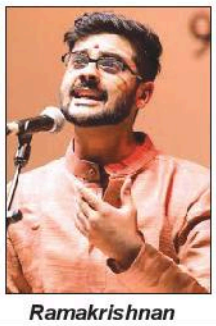
The seminar has been organised to enhance understanding among builders, developers and stakeholders about the latest RERA regulations, compliance procedures and practical aspects of implementation besides serving as a knowledge sharing platform where developers can interact directly with RERA authorities and clarify doubts regarding the regulatory framework.

For details, contact Mob: 99451-47472.

JSS Sangeetha Sabha to host 30th Annual Music Conference in city from tomorrow

To confer 'Sangeetha Vidya Nidhi' on Dr. T.S. Sathyavathi and 'Sangeetha Seva Nidhi' on S. Ramaprasad

Dr. T.S. Sathyavathi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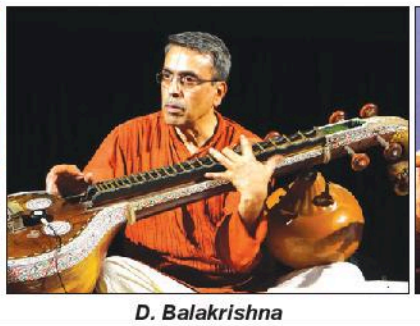
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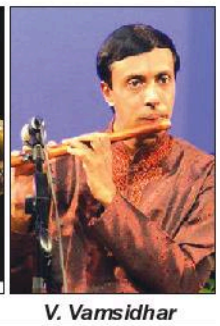
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Sangeetha Sabhas play a vital role in nurturing music and musicians, serving as key institutions that uphold the cultural essence of society.

Established in 1983 by Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji, JSS Sangeetha Sabha stands as a distinguished organisation dedicated to promoting classical music. Notably, it is the only Sabha in Mysuru that hosts Annual Music Conferences, showcasing lecture-demonstrations, performances by renowned musicians, musicologists, scholars and emerging talents.

The Conference is conducted in memory of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji, guided by Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji who is the Honorary President of the Sabha. During the valedictory ceremony, the President of the Conference is honoured with the prestigious title 'Sangeetha Vidya Nidhi' and the coveted 'Sangeetha Seva Nidhi' award is conferred upon an eminent classical music promoter and organiser.

In the 30th edition of this esteemed conference, which will be held from Dec. 2 to 6 at Navajyothi Auditorium in the premises of JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, Dr. T.S. Sathyavathi, a renowned musicologist, performer and scholar will be the Conference President and the well-known music patron S. Ramaprasad will be honoured with the title of 'Sangeetha Seva Nidhi.'

SCHEDULE

There will be two events a day — a lecture-demonstration in the morning at 10 am by eminent musicians and musicologists; In the evening, a one-hour slot from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm featuring young and upcoming artistes, followed by the main concert for the day.

Dec. 2

5.30 pm: The event will be inaugurated in the divine presence of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. The title of 'Sangeetha Seva Nidhi' will be conferred upon S. Ramaprasad. Ramesh Kannan, MD of Kaynes Technology, will preside. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will be the chief guests. MLA T.S. Srivatsa will release *Nadanamana*.

7.15 pm: Vocal recital by Dr. T.S. Sathyavathi, accompanied by Nalina Mohan on violin, K.U. Jayachandrarao on mridanga and V.S. Ramesh on morching.

Dec. 3

10 am: *Sangeethanjali;* Lecture-Demonstrations - A study of the major musical art forms around the world by Dr. Uma Kumar; Talamalika Lakshana by Srikantham Nagendra Shastri.

5.30 pm: Veena recital by Surabhi Pustakam, accompanied by Sai Shivu Lakshmi Keshav on mridanga.

6.30 pm: Vocal concert by Ramakrishnan Murthy, accompanied by Nishanth Chandran on violin, Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and M.R. Manjunath on ghata.

Dec. 4

10 am: *Sangeethanjali;* Lecture-Demo on Comparative study of Singing and Sumukha Veena by Sampagodu Vighnaraja; *Soundarya Meemamse* in Dikshitar's Kritis by Dr. Sathyavathi.

5.30 pm: Vocal Concert by Medha Manjunath, accompanied by S.A. Divyashree on violin and S.P. Nagendraprasad on mridanga.

6.30 pm: Vocal concert by Sampagodu Vighnaraja, accompanied by Mathur Srinidhi on violin, Anirudh Bhat on mridanga and Sharath Kaushik on ghata.

Dec. 5

10 am: *Sangeethanjali;* Lecture-Demo on Intricacies in Pallavis by Archana L. Rao; Role of gamaka in Ragha Bhava by Hiranmayee Srinidhi.

5.30 pm: Flute concert by Achyutha Athreya, accompanied by Rupanagudi Ratna Teja on violin and Nandan Kashyap on mridanga.

6.30 pm: Vocal concert by Vishnudev Namboodri , accompanied by Charulatha Ramanujam on violin, Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Raghunandan Rao on ghata.

Dec. 6

5.30 pm: The valedictory function will commence in the presence of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, in which Dr. T.S. Sathyavathi will be conferred the title of 'Sangeetha Vidya Nidhi.'

The valedictory speech will be delivered by Dr. C.A. Sridhar. MLA K. Harishgowda will be the chief guest.

Prize distribution to the winners of the JSS Music Competition by Ramesh Kannan. The event will be presided by Mysore Nagaraj.

6.30 pm: Veena-Venu Jugalbandi concert by D. Balakrishna and V. Vamsidhar, accompanied by B.S. Prashanth on mridanga and Shamith Gowda on ghata.

The Great Indian Gombe Story at NPSI

Mysuru, Dec. 1- NPS International, Mysore, came alive with colour, culture and creativity as the students of Classes 1 and 2 presented 'The Great Indian Gombe Story,' a vibrant cultural showcase in the school auditorium recently.

The one-and-a-half-hour production captivated the audience with its unique concept, in which traditional dolls came to life to narrate their stories.

The young performers transported the audience into the heart of Namma Mysuru's rich cultural heritage, bringing forth the essence of local traditions, folk tales, classical dance forms, and festive celebrations.

Every scene was thoughtfully curated, blending expressive storytelling with spirited performances that reflected Karnataka's deep-rooted artistic legacy.

The show not only highlighted the creativity and confidence of the young learners but also celebrated the diversity and vibrancy of Indian culture.

Through lively narration, colourful costumes and graceful choreography, the students beautifully portrayed how dolls symbolise history, emotion and tradition in Mysuru's cultural tapestry.

The Great Indian Gombe Story culminated with the song 'Love You Mysuru,' which left parents and guests spellbound.

The performance received resounding applause, leaving the audience with heart-warming memories of a morning that celebrated art, culture and the joyful spirit of childhood.

The event stood as a testament to the school's commitment to fostering cultural appreciation and encouraging artistic expression from an early age.

WORD OF THE DAY

Iconoclast

Pronunciation: eye-KAH-nuh-klast (Noun)
Meaning: Iconoclast originally referred to someone who destroys religious images or who opposes their veneration. It is now used to refer broadly to anyone who criticizes or opposes beliefs and practices that are widely accepted.
Origin: Iconoclast comes from the Middle Greek word eikonoklástēs, which translates literally as "image destroyer." While the destruction wrought by today's iconoclasts is figurative — in modern use, an iconoclast is someone who criticizes or opposes beliefs and practices that are widely accepted — the first iconoclasts directed their ire at religious icons, those representations of sacred individuals used as objects of veneration. The Byzantine Empire's Iconoclastic Controversy occurred in the 8th and 9th centuries, but the word iconoclast didn't find its way to English until the 17th century. Figurative use came later still.
Example: "Chicago will be the only U.S. city to see the 92-year-old iconoclast Yoko Ono's new show. ...'Yoko Ono: Music of the Mind' goes back to the start of the artist's career in the mid-'50s, and the role she played in the creative worlds of New York, Tokyo and London." — Carrie Shepherd, Axios, 1 Apr. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Overmorrow

The day after tomorrow.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Going Overboard

Meaning: Going overboard means to do too much, go over the top in excess.
Origin: Not surprisingly, the origin of the idiom "go overboard" is nautical. When one falls overboard from a boat into water, it's quite a problem; in the same way, going out of bounds in other areas of life is problematic. Interestingly, "board" in overboard is actually a term for the physical railings found on a boat; if you went overboard, you went over railings and into the water.
Example: Matt went overboard when he spent so much money on my birthday present.

QUOTE BOX

Water is the driving force of all nature. **—Leonardo da Vinci**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

VAD ERS

Answer: Space Invaders.

SUDOKU

	7	4				2	9	
				5				
3			9		7			5
2	9						7	8
		3				1		
6	5						2	3
8			1		4			2
				8				
	4	9				8	5	

Answer to previous puzzle

7	8	1	9	5	2	6	3	4
4	6	2	1	8	3	9	7	5
3	9	5	7	6	4	8	2	1
2	1	3	8	4	7	5	6	9
6	7	9	3	1	5	4	8	2
5	4	8	2	9	6	7	1	3
1	2	4	6	7	9	3	5	8
9	3	6	5	2	8	1	4	7
8	5	7	4	3	1	2	9	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 One of a pack
5 Central Maintenance Comp.
8 Special loved ones
12 Wood-cinder fuel
14 And others, in Latin (2,2)
15 A garden shrub
16 An invisible or subtle emanation
17 Battery size
18 Something seldom seen
20 Card game
23 A very small mountain
24 Mimics
25 Phil Collins' rock group
28 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
29 Weeps
30 Declare
32 Stay longer
34 Attacks and robs
35 Have a fit
36 Drive away
37 Not a foe?
40 __ ___ The Walrus: The Beatles hit (1,2)
41 Spring suddenly
42 Feeling of well-being?
47 Harry Potter actress ___ Watson
48 Not fitted
49 Replace milk with solid foods
50 SA river ___ Grande
51 Not often found

DOWN

1 300 for Tiberius
2 Puzzle solver's cry
3 Random Access Memory
4 Reveries
5 West African tree or its seed used in famous soft drink
6 May in France
7 Woodwind instrument with single reed
8 Jewels found in oysters
9 Sewing case
10 Bitter sweet
11 Kill or bump off
13 Cassius ___ : Mohammad Ali the boxer?
19 Frothy and fermented drinks?
20 Regional Airline Assoc.
21 As far as (2,2)
22 Bill of fare
23 Armed robbery
25 Splendour
26 The game __ __ : you are exposed, in a way? (2,2)
27 Wise
29 A Scottish tribe
31 Fashion monogram
33 Surgical drill
34 Autobiography
36 Ketu's counterpart in Indian folklore?
37 Took to the air
38 Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (UK)
39 P. Simon's '_ _ _ Rock' (1,2,1)
40 ___ facto : by that very fact ?
43 One as a prefix
44 Required Time of Arrival
45 Comparative ending ?
46 Fruit drink

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	A	L	L	O	T	■	S	C	E	N	I	C
Y	■	O	S	L	O	■	T	A	R	■	■	A
L	■	S	I	L	L	Y	A	S	S	■	■	T
A	L	A	■	A	L	E	R	T	■	H	R	T
W	I	N	E	■	E	T	C	■	F	O	A	L
S	A	G	G	E	D	■	H	O	A	R	S	E
■	■	E	Y	E	■	■	A	T	I	■	■	■
H	E	L	P	E	D	■	G	R	A	Z	E	D
I	G	E	T	■	O	C	A	■	L	O	B	E
D	O	S	■	T	W	O	U	P	■	N	B	C
I	■	■	O	B	S	T	R	U	C	T	■	E
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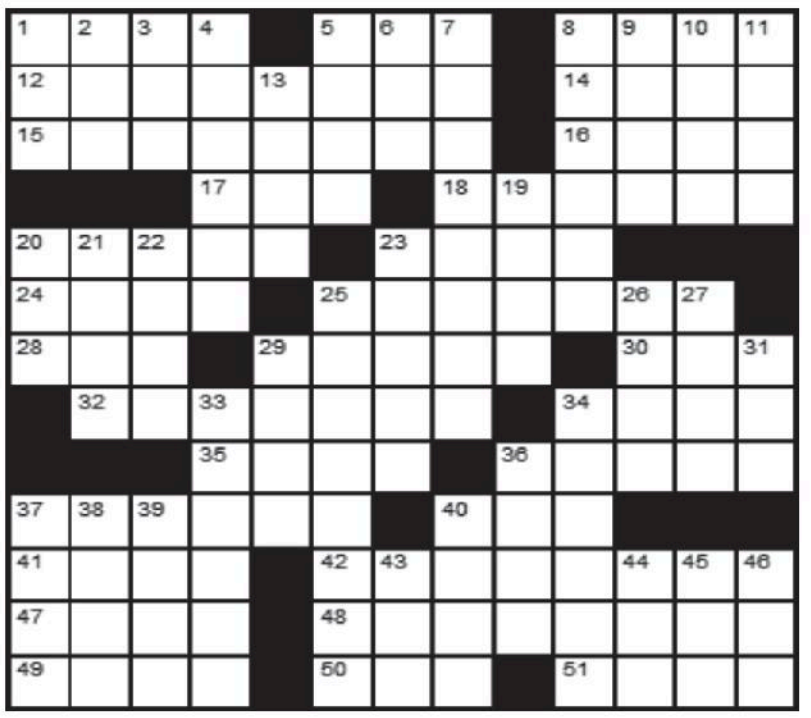

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WGAQA HD CJRJMK ND ACDZNPAM ND WGA INCNWHX,

WGA TAQDJC HC BGJS JCA HSTVZDA, JCA PNZVA, GND

NDDVSAM NDXACMNCXK JPAQ NZZ JWGAQD.

DAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The majority of men employ the first portion of their life in making the other portion miserable.

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Tere Ishk Mein (H)	(S-1)	4.10 pm; (S-4) 10 am, 7 pm, 10.20 pm
The Girl Friend (Te)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Sarangi (K)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Flirt (K)	(S-2)	4 pm
Bank of Bhagyalakshmi (K)	(S-2)	7.20 pm
Eko (Ma)	(S-2)	10.25 pm; (S-3) 10.40 am
Operation London Cafe (OLC) (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Acharya Sri Shankara (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
GST (Ghosts in Trouble) (K)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Andhra King Taluka (Te)	(S-3)	10.05 pm
Nayi Idae Yecharikae (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	(S-4)	3.40 pm

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GST (Ghosts in Trouble) (K)	(S-1)	4 pm
Bank of Bhagyalakshmi (K)	(S-1)	6.35 pm
Bicchugathiya Bantana Ballirena (K)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter 1 (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	(S-3)	4.30 pm, 6.45, 9 pm
Flirt (K)	(S-4)	1 pm, 6.30 pm
Operation London Cafe (OLC) (K)	(S-4)	4.05 pm, 9.35 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Tere Ishk Mein (H)	:	8.30 am, 10.10 am, 12 noon 3.30 pm, 7 pm, 10.30 pm
120 Bahadur (H)	:	10 am, 10.10 pm
Andhra King Taluka (Te)	:	10 am, 1 pm, 6.20 pm, 10 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	:	10.20 am, 3.55 pm
Zootopia 2 (H-3D)	:	9.40 pm
Tantra (2025) (K)	:	11.20 am
Spider-man: Far From Home (E)	:	12.45 pm
GST (Ghosts in Trouble) (K)	:	1.20 pm, 7 pm
Gustaakh Ishq (H)	:	1.40 pm, 4.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	:	1.50 pm
Operation London Cafe (OLC) (K)	:	4.15 pm
Eko (Ma)	:	4.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Eternity (E)	:	4.45 pm
Bank of Bhagyalakshmi (K)	:	7.05 pm
Brat (K)	:	7.10 pm
Rangeela (H)	:	7.15 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Andhra King Taluka (Te)	:	10.20 am, 4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Tere Ishk Mein (H)	:	10.30 am, 11.30 am, 3 pm, 6.30, 10 pm
Bicchugatthiya Bantana Ballirena (K)	:	1.25 pm
Operation London Cafe (OLC) (K)	:	1.40 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	:	2 pm, 7.45 pm
Revolver Rita (Ta)	:	4.05 pm
GST (Ghosts in Trouble) (K)	:	4.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Flirt (K)	:	7 pm
Bank of Bhagyalakshmi (K)	:	7.25 pm
Brat (K)	:	10.10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 1)

- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samithi, Jayalakshmipuram:** Discourse on 'Mahabharata Tatparya Nirnaya' by Pt. Sri Vyasatheerthacharya, Sri Raghavendra- swamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram:** Monthly advisory talk for senior citizens, lecture on 'Income tax benefits,' IT Consultant N.L. Nithyananda addresses the audience, Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraj presides, Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Geethapracharini Sabha Trust, Mysuru (Geetha Mandira):** 91st Sri Gita Jayanti Mahotsava, Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana by Sri Vidyavishnu Sabha Trust, Mysuru, **5.45 pm;** Discourse on 'Sri Rama Charitra Manjari' by B.N. Madhawachar, Geetha Mandira, Ashoka Road, 33rd East Cross Road, Sri Geetha Mandira Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Jnanabuthi:** Valedictory of free coaching classes for IAS/KAS written exam, KPA Director Dr. S.L. Channabasavanna releases the study material, Mysuru Revenue Division Additional Regional Commissioner Kavitha Rajaram delivers a talk, noted orator Prof. M. Krishnegowda presides, Jnanabuthi premises, Government High School and PU College campus, JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 2)

- **Sri Geethapracharini Sabha Trust, Mysuru (Geetha Mandira):** 91st Sri Gita Jayanti Mahotsava, Mass Bhagavad Gita Parayana, **8 am;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **8.30 am to 9 am;** Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana by Sri Vidyavishnu Sabha Trust, Mysuru, **5.45 pm;** Discourse on 'Sri Rama Charitra Manjari' by B.N. Madhawachar, Geetha Mandira, Ashoka Road, 33rd East Cross Road, Sri Geetha Mandira Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** Dattatreya Jayanti celebrations, Panchamruta Abhisheka to Sri Kalagni Shamana Dattatreya Swamy, **9 am;** Sri Chakra Puja, Purnahuti of Sri Dattatreya Homa, **10 am;** Punya Smarana, Anagha Vrata, **10.30 am;** Divya Nama Sankeertana by Sri Swamiji, Ashram premises, Nanjangud Road, Dattanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samithi, Jayalakshmipuram:** Discourse on 'Mahabharata Tatparya Nirnaya' by Pt. Sri Vyasatheerthacharya, Sri Raghavendra- swamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**

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Tere Ishk Mein (H)	:	9.55 am, 11 am, 2.30 pm, 6 pm, 9.30 pm
Andhra King Taluka (Te)	:	10 am, 12.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Andhra King Taluka (K)	:	6.40 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	:	10.30 am, 4.15 pm, 10 pm
Paatashaala (K)	:	1.20 pm
GST (Ghosts in Trouble) (K)	:	1.25 pm, 7.30 pm
Bank of Bhagyalakshmi (K)	:	4.25 pm
Brat (K)	:	4.25 pm
Eko (Ma)	:	7.35 pm
Rangeela (H)	:	10.30 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Eko (Ma)	:	10.20 am, 7.15 pm
Andhra King Taluka (Te)	:	11 am, 4 pm, 9.45 pm
Tere Ishk Mein (H)	:	11 am, 2.30 pm, 6 pm 9.30 pm, 10 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	:	11.10 am, 1.35 pm, 7.20 pm
GST (Ghosts in Trouble) (K)	:	1.10 pm, 7.30 pm
Bicchugatthiya Bantana Ballirena (K)	:	2.20 pm
Flirt (K)	:	4.05 pm
Nayi Idae Yecharikae (K)	:	5 pm
Revolver Rita (Ta)	:	10.30 pm

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the Krishi Mela on Dec. 5 at 10.30 am.

Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy, Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar will be present. Melukote MLA Darshan Puttannaiah will preside over the inaugural.

Agriculture and Mandya District in-Charge Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge and Sericulture Minister K. Venkatesh will be the guests of honour.

Prize distribution ceremony will be held on Dec. 6 at 10 am in the presence of Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji.

Union Minister H.D Kumaraswamy will be the chief guest. Union Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje and State Revenue Minister Krishna Bhyregowda, Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy will be present.

University of Agriculture Sciences Special Officer Dr. K.M. Harinikumar will preside.

Valedictory ceremony will be held on Dec. 7 at 2 pm. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot will be the guest of honour. Rajya Sabha MP Jaggesh will be present. Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy will preside. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar and MLAs will be the chief guests on the occasion.

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